

1 1. A card storage and retrieval system, including  
2 a plurality of business card holders, each  
3 holder adapted to hold a single business card,  
4 a mounting device which holds said plurality of  
5 business card holders, said mounting device having an  
6 internal floor with at least one guide rail mounted  
7 along the floor, said business card holders being  
8 stacked next to each other in a row side by side and  
9 being removably attached to said guide rail,  
10 each business card holder having a predetermined  
11 thickness and comprising  
12 a generally rectangular sheet having a surface  
13 with outside dimensions greater than the business  
14 card;  
15 a rectangular area on the sheet having  
16 dimensions corresponding to the dimensions of the  
17 business card and defining a location where the  
18 business card is to be held on the sheet, said area  
19 having at each corner a hole for inserting one corner  
20 of the business card;  
21 said rectangular area being displaced inward  
22 parallel to the surface of the sheet by an amount  
23 approximately equal to the thickness of the business  
24 card;  
25 a marginal frame surrounding said rectangular  
26 area; and  
27 at least one mounting cutout in the sheet for  
28 attaching the card holder to the guide rail.

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30 2. The card storage and retrieval system of Claim 1 where  
31 the business card holder is manufactured from a web of  
32 sheet material using a rotary die to form said holder  
33 by continuously feeding the sheet material through  
34 said die.  
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- 1 3. The card storage and retrieval system of Claim 1 where  
2 the marginal frame surrounding the rectangular area is  
3 printed upon during manufacture of the holder.  
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- 5 4. The card storage and retrieval system of Claim 1 where  
6 there is a slit extending from at least some of the  
7 holes, said slit having a predetermined shape and  
8 orientation to allow enlarged business cards to be  
9 mounted to the card holder.  
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- 11 5. The card storage and retrieval system of Claim 1 where  
12 the mounting device is made from a plurality of wood  
13 pieces connected together to form a box with opposed  
14 side walls that are generally parallel, with at least  
15 one pair of parallel guide rails extending between  
16 said side walls, the guide rails each having opposed  
17 ends which are inserted into cut-a-way portions in the  
18 side walls during assembly of the walls, said guide  
19 rails being made of a polymeric material.  
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- 21 6. A method for storing and retrieving business cards,  
22 comprising the steps of:  
23 (a) providing a card storage and retrieval  
24 system including a mounting device with at least one  
25 guide rail to which a business card holder is  
26 removably attached,  
27 (b) providing a business card holder for  
28 mounting thereon a single business card, said business  
29 card holder comprising  
30 a generally rectangular sheet having outside  
31 dimensions greater than the business card;  
32 a predetermined location on the sheet where the  
33 business card is to be held on the sheet, said  
34 location having openings for inserting corners of the  
35 business card;  
36 a marginal frame at least partially surrounding  
37 said location; and

1 at least one mounting cutout in the sheet for  
2 attaching the card holder to the guide rail of the  
3 card storage and retrieval system,

4 (c) removably mounting the business card to the  
5 business card holder by inserting corners of the  
6 business card in the openings in the holder to  
7 position the business card at said location to provide  
8 an assembly of the business card and holder, and

9 (d) attaching the assembly of the business card  
10 and holder to the guide rail by aligning the mounting  
11 cutout with the rail and pushing the holder against  
12 the rail.

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14 7. The method of Claim 6 where the business card holder  
15 is manufactured from a web of sheet material using a  
16 rotary die to form said holder by continuously feeding  
17 the web through said die.

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19 8. The method of Claim 6 where the marginal frame  
20 surrounding the rectangular area is printed upon  
21 during manufacture of the holder.

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23 9. The method of Claim 6 where there is a slit extending  
24 from at least some of the holes, said slit having a  
25 predetermined shape and orientation to allow enlarged  
26 business cards to be mounted to the card holder.

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28 10. The method of Claim 6 where the mounting device is made  
29 form a plurality of wood pieces connected together to  
30 form a box with opposed side walls that are generally  
31 parallel, with at least one pair of parallel guide  
32 rails extending between said side walls, the guide  
33 rails each having opposed ends which are inserted into  
34 cut-a-way portions in the side walls during assembly  
35 of the walls, said guide rails being made of a  
36 polymeric material.

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3 11. A business card holder for mounting a single business  
4 card within a card storage and retrieval system, the  
5 business card holder comprising:

6 a thin sheet defining a planar surface and having  
7 outside dimensions greater than the business card and a  
8 lower edge;

9 a predetermined surface area of the thin sheet  
10 providing a frame area with at least some holes therein in  
11 which is manually inserted at least some corners of the  
12 business card, wherein the business card is held with a  
13 printed surface thereof exposed; and

14 at least one mounting cutout along the lower edge that  
15 enables the card holder to be attached to the card storage  
16 and retrieval system.

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18 12. The business card holder of Claim 11 where the holes  
19 are in the form of a segment of a circle.

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21 13. The business card holder of Claim 11 where the sheet  
22 is made of plastic.

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24 14. The business card holder of Claim 11 where said  
25 business card holder is manufacture from a continuous web  
26 of sheet material using a rotary die to form said holder by  
27 continuously feeding the sheet material through said die.

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29 15. The business card holder of Claim 14 where the rotary  
30 die has

31 a first stage where the corners holes are formed,  
32 a second stage where the sheet material is debossed to  
33 form the displaced rectangular area, and

34 a third stage where the outer perimeter of the holder  
35 sheet is formed.

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1 16. The business card holder of Claim 14 where the corner  
2 holes are formed by cutting through the sheet which  
3 produces waste material.  
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5 17. The business card holder of Claim 16 where the waste  
6 material is removed using a vacuum die.  
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8 18. The business card holder of Claim 16 where the waste  
9 material is removed using a pressure die.  
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